

Ford House
735 Main Street
Mendocino
Mendocino County
California

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DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CALIFORNIA		COUNTY MENDOCINO	TOWN OR VICINITY MENDOCINO
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Addendum to FORD HOUSE			HABS NO. CA-2232
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 735 Main Street, Mendocino Headlands State Park			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1854 - original west wing 1860s - east wing addition		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Known as one of the most beautiful houses in Mendocino, the house was built for Jerome B. Ford, part owner of Mendocino Lumber Company. He lived in the house until 1872. His son, J.C. Ford, lived in it until 1902.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek revival form with Gothic revival ornamentation			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) redwood			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 63 feet street frontage - 33 feet depth			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Tongue and groove vertical siding on north is original.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) In 1936, the downstairs had a small office, a den with fireplace to the right of the entry, and a large living/dining room and kitchen. Upstairs was accessed by a wide staircase. It led to three bedrooms, a maid's room, a bathroom, and a half bath.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The east wing kitchen was added in the 1860s. California State Parks altered the downstairs to use as an interpretive center and renovated the exterior. Much of the original "gingerbread" trim is gone.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The building is in good condition and serves as a park interpretive center.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This is the only remaining structure on the south side of Main Street, west of Lansing Street.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Ford family documents, photographs, and diaries Mendocino Historical Research, Inc.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleanor F. Sverko, County of Mendocino			DATE May 27, 1986

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